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Important Monthly Indicators

INDUSTRIES	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952
Autosale Production (net tons).....	3,203	3,522	3,187
Bronze and Pewter (tons).....	36,755	41,192	39,095
Construction Contracts (\$ millions).....	1,200	1,272	1,287
Copper Production (net, tons).....	97,393	113,313	98,400
Copper Deliveries net (net tons).....	105,362	118,113	107,355
Newspaper Production (net tons).....	599,412	582,411	566,002
Newspaper Deliveries (net tons).....	526,261	580,230	562,268
Steel Bar Deliveries (tons).....	46,000	40,000	35,000
Steel Ingot Production (net tons).....	8,281	9,100	7,921
Zinc Production (net tons).....	24,788	20,490	23,011
Zinc Skimmers (net tons).....	74,565	77,567	85,592

	April 1952	April 1951	March 1952
Industrial Production (FBI).....	216,0	203,0	200,0
Major Employment (1951-1947-49) (100).....	102,6	105,0	103,4
Min. Production (1951-1947-49) (100).....	102,4	104,4	102,2
Cement Production (barrels).....	19,817	20,184	18,093
Cement Shipments (barrels).....	21,764	20,91	15,993
Cigarette Production (units).....	32,255	29,620	29,878
Coke Production (net tons).....	5,807	6,471	6,780
Corrugated Packaging (bales).....	84,444	98,522	736,535
Electricity Production (billion kwh).....	16,144	16,144	16,144
Lead Production primary (net tons).....	39,328	44,162	48,983
Lead Shipments (net tons).....	38,295	42,033	39,161
Motor Vehicles, Factory Sales U. S.	529,585	639,272	482,973
Pig Iron Production (net tons).....	5,225	5,288	6,300
Plastic Consumption (net tons).....	16,737	19,529	10,471
Tires - Production (units).....	7,189	6,532	7,786
Tires - Shipments (units).....	6,967	5,233	6,134

	Mar. 1952	Mar. 1951	Feb. 1952
Gasoline Production (barrels).....	99,093	93,134	95,378
Petroleum Production (barrels).....	198,028	144,654	187,624
Petroleum Consumption (barrels).....	905,895	931,524	200,535
Rubber Consumption (pounds).....	46,200	38,500	

FINANCIALS	May 1952	May 1951	Apr. 1952
Bank Deposits, Total U. S. (\$ billions).....	191,433	182,572	124,664
Bank Deposits, N. Y. C. (\$ billions).....	49,535	47,175	52,057
Bank Deposits, N. Y. N. C. (\$ billions).....	71,898	71,197	79,607
Bank Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (\$ billions).....	59,323	67,914	61,624
Bank Sales N. Y. Corp. Ex. (\$ billions).....	2,060	3,550	3,250
Bank Sales N. Y. Capital (\$ billions).....	30,044	41,791	38,801
Five Years (\$ billions).....	60,154	54,144	67,280
Life Insurance Sales (\$ billions).....	8,033,010	2,284,000	2,571,000
Stock Sales N. Y. Stock Ex. (shares).....	23,566	38,457	28,993
Stock Sales N. Y. Corp. Ex. (shares).....	7,380	8,680	14,450

	Apr. 1952	Apr. 1951	Mar. 1952
Merchandise Exports U. S. (\$ millions).....	4,330,900	4,370,300	4,417,700
Merchandise Imports U. S. (\$ millions).....	9,11,800	10,011,000	9,631,100
Net Merchandise Trade (\$ millions).....	8,847,700	8,670,300	8,711,700
Railway Earnings, Net Ops. (\$ millions).....	70,995	76,039	
Sales - Retail (\$ billions).....	12,704	11,998	12,114
Sales - Wholesale (\$ billions).....	8,160	8,078	8,105
Sales - Manufacturing (\$ billions).....	22,672	21,851	22,949
Trade Inventories - Retail (\$ billions).....	16,584	17,291	18,664
Inventories - Wholesale (\$ billions).....	2,604	1,987	2,929
Inventories - Manufacturing (\$ billions).....	42,742	37,054	42,789
100,000 Delisted - (\$ 100,000 Delisted).....			

Summary of Bank Clearings—Monthly—1949 to Date

Millions of Dollars

	Total 25 United States Cities			
	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	75,546	77,200	59,954	51,114
February.....	66,971	61,096	52,876	50,335
March.....	64,478	76,725	63,519	52,795
April.....	74,100	79,725	62,250	53,825
May.....	10,266	69,000	62,157	52,145
June.....	59,835	64,094	59,550	52,000
July.....	66,504	67,195	54,003	51,000
August.....	66,762	69,600	55,050	52,000
September.....	64,240	66,156	51,100	50,000
October.....	74,340	69,999	53,034	52,000
November.....	69,108	65,578	53,531	52,000
December.....	76,258	71,821	61,705	53,000
Total.....	840,319	781,995	678,832	578,537

Daily Average Bank Clearings

	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	2,905,6	2,970,0	2,198,5	2,333,6
February.....	2,911,8	2,776,5	2,194,6	2,288,0
March.....	2,823,7	2,541,7	2,152,4	2,251,7
April.....	2,834,7	2,624,2	2,227,1	2,308,3
May.....	2,711,5	2,654,0	2,164,8	2,208,5
June.....	2,685,9	2,645,1	2,162,6	2,186,5
July.....	2,600,2	2,407,4	2,160,1	2,160,1
August.....	2,672,7	2,577,4	2,239,3	2,247,9
September.....	2,639,4	2,556,4	2,247,9	2,247,9
October.....	2,638,2	2,579,2	2,244,8	2,244,8
November.....	2,604,7	2,579,2	2,114,4	2,174,1
December.....	2,650,3	2,677,8	2,150,0	2,205,0
Total.....	2,785,7	2,824,2	2,235,4	2,235,4

Total 25 Cities Excluding N. Y. C.

	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	36,386	37,097	27,932	27,697
February.....	32,287	30,126	24,405	21,947
March.....	34,633	25,743	29,615	28,882
April.....	34,217	31,563	26,267	25,945
May.....	32,941	29,788	27,241	27,171
June.....	31,325	30,658	26,886	26,886
July.....	32,320	29,666	26,846	26,846
August.....	31,543	30,522	26,345	26,345
September.....	31,827	31,987	27,772	27,772
October.....	31,741	31,826	27,612	27,612
November.....	31,951	32,446	27,468	27,468
December.....	34,083	31,053	27,503	27,503
Total 25 Cities.....	360,748,503	353,518,276	319,187,930	319,187,930

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—May 1952 and 1951

	Thousands of Dollars			
	May 1952	May 1951	\$ Change	Apr. 1952
Boston.....	22,309,690	22,356,691	- 3,2	24,442,966
Philadelphia.....	4,352,000	4,782,000	- 4,6	4,782,000
Pittsburgh.....	1,466,920	1,526,013	- 1,9	1,651,110
Cleveland.....	1,362,745	1,371,814	- 1,0	1,371,814
Baltimore.....	892,855	905,013	- 1,5	911,776
Atlanta.....	1,189,543	1,149,071	+ 3,5	1,170,151
St. Louis.....	1,150,923	1,153,207	- 2,9	1,153,207
Memphis.....	651,792	654,255	- 4,1	654,255
Montgomery.....	434,670	451,987	- 5,9	441,987
Chicago.....	3,791,120	3,996,171	- 5,0	3,974,857
St. Louis.....	2,248,950	2,246,313	+ 2,2	2,210,936
Louisville.....	655,153	565,955	+ 9,1	575,955
Minneapolis.....	1,189,878	1,270,455	- 6,4	1,251,241
Kansas City.....	1,440,797	1,451,143	- 0,2	1,451,143
Baltimore.....	620,730	630,973	- 1,6	630,973
Dallas.....	1,391,173	1,292,888	+ 9,3	1,450,173
Houston.....	1,259,246	1,101,114	+ 15,2	1,278,001
San Francisco.....	2,041,774	2,024,442	+ 8,9	2,138,699
Portland, Ore.....	665,178	672,539	+ 2,1	713,129
Seattle.....	685,282	681,630	+ 0,3	677,637
Total 24 Cities.....	33,546,793	34,004,596	- 1,3	34,216,950
New York.....	37,106,981	35,014,950	+ 6,0	39,442,859
Total 25 Cities.....	70,655,774	69,019,556	+ 2,4	74,159,820

Bank Clearings for Individual Cities—5 Months 1952 and 1951

	Thousands of Dollars			
	5 Months 1952	5 Months 1951	\$ Change	5 Months 1950
Boston.....	11,864,259	12,237,733	- 3,0	9,662,431
Philadelphia.....	22,240,000	27,552,000	- 17	17,976,000
Buffalo.....	2,331,293	2,285,718	+ 1,9	1,771,685
Pittsburgh.....	8,130,493	7,672,954	+ 5,0	6,195,321
Cleveland.....	9,044,051	8,955,130	+ 0,2	8,486,768
Omaha.....	4,013,745	4,179,190	- 1,7	3,739,208
Baltimore.....	4,814,869	4,744,208	+ 3,5	4,241,450
Richmond.....	3,340,840	3,155,264	+ 5,4	3,054,500
Atlanta.....	6,620,500	6,480,900	+ 5,4	5,952,900
New Orleans.....	3,302,791	3,039,778	+ 8,9	2,605,619
Memphis.....	2,231,224	2,236,744	- 3,8	2,137,598
Detroit.....	11,161,477	11,070,259	+ 1,3	9,739,212
St. Louis.....	6,434,050	3,190,193	+ 3,6	3,250,680
Minneapolis.....	1,610,125	1,385,142	+ 3,5	1,643,683
Kansas City.....	1,223,700	1,205,200	+ 2,0	1,645,700
Omaha.....	1,223,102	1,315,494	- 9,1	1,246,500
Denver.....	2,851,308	2,844,277	+ 0,7	2,241,242
Dallas.....	7,241,554	6,778,725	+ 6,6	5,487,931
Houston.....	6,420,444	5,509,551	+ 14,5	4,462,414
St. Paul.....	1,120,299	1,128,266	- 7,1	1,128,266
Portland, Ore.....	3,403,213	3,152,855	+ 1,5	3,240,500
Seattle.....				
Total 24 Cities.....	171,059,440	170,732,710	+ 0,2	171,201,155
New York.....	199,672,293	182,705,548	+ 3,8	183,955,775
Total 25 Cities.....	360,748,503	353,518,276	+ 2,0	353,187,930

Summary of Industrial and Commercial Failures—Monthly—1949 to Date

Current Liabilities (1000 Millions)

	1952	1951	1950	1949
January.....	671	775	664	566
February.....	619	599	611	605
March.....	715	732	684	647
April.....	741	725	651	624
May.....	10,266	8,900	6,157	5,145
June.....	59,835	64,094	59,550	57,000
July.....	69,504	67,195	54,003	52,000
August.....	6			

United States Wholesale Commodity Price Index

Bureau of Labor Statistics		Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices (Revised) 1947-49=100			
		May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952
Groups:					
ALL COMMODITIES	111.6	111.8	112.3	115.9	
Farm Products	108.1	108.7	108.2	115.7	
Processed Foods	108.6	108.0	109.2	112.3	
All Manufactured Products	113.0	113.3	113.8	116.8	
Farm Products and Foods	99.4	99.9	100.6	114.8	
Hides, Skins & Leather Products	94.5	94.1	98.0	126.2	
Fuel, Power & Lighting Materials	106.5	106.3	107.4	106.2	
Chemical and Allied Products	104.0	104.8	105.4	111.3	
Metals and Metal Products	121.2	121.4	121.7	127.2	
Machinery and Motive Products	121.6	121.6	121.8	118.0	
Furniture, Other Household Durables	111.4	112.1	111.9	115.3	
Non-Metallic Minerals - Structural	112.8	112.8	112.9	113.6	
Rubber & Products	140.4	140.6	142.0	151.7	
Leather Goods	120.4	120.4	120.4	121.1	
Printed Paper	117.1	117.4	117.7	119.8	
Tobacco, Mires, & Bottle Beverages	108.8	108.8	110.8	108.4	
Miscellaneous	108.5	109.5	109.2	103.0	

United States Consumers' Price Index (Cost of Living)

Bureau of Labor Statistics		Consumers' Price Index 1935-39=100			
		Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952	Apr. 1951
Groups:					
ALL ITEMS	189.7	188.0	187.9	184.6	
Apparel	202.7	203.3	204.3	203.6	
Food	230.0	227.6	227.5	205.7	
Cereal and Bakery Products	191.1	191.2	190.9	188.3	
Dairy Products	212.6	215.7	217.0	204.1	
Meats, Poultry, and Fish	247.2	232.7	223.5	214.4	
Fuel, Electricity, and Refrigeration	145.3	145.3	145.3	144.0	
Gas & Electricity	98.0	97.9	97.9	96.9	
Other Fuels	206.1	205.8	206.7	205.0	
Household Furnishings	206.2	206.6	206.6	211.8	
Rent	140.1	140.1	140.1	141.1	
Miscellaneous	171.1	170.7	170.2	164.6	
Average					\$10.97
					\$10.21

Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index—1950 to Date

	1952	1951	1950
Jan. 1.....	296.64	301.93	305.73
Jan. 8.....	295.61	302.02	305.76
Jan. 15.....	295.57	301.66	305.75
Jan. 22.....	295.60	302.08	305.76
Jan. 29.....	295.61	301.66	305.79
Feb. 5.....	295.61	302.08	305.79
Feb. 12.....	295.57	302.05	305.80
Feb. 19.....	295.60	302.05	305.80
Feb. 26.....	295.60	302.05	305.80
Mar. 5.....	295.58	302.05	305.80
Mar. 12.....	295.58	302.05	305.80
Mar. 19.....	295.40	302.05	305.79
Mar. 26.....	295.37	302.05	305.79
Apr. 2.....	295.40	302.05	305.79
Apr. 9.....	295.37	302.05	305.79
Apr. 16.....	295.33	302.05	305.79
Apr. 23.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Apr. 30.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
May 7.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
May 14.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
May 21.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
May 28.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
June 4.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
June 11.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
June 18.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
June 25.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
July 2.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
July 9.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
July 16.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
July 23.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
July 30.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Aug. 6.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Aug. 13.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Aug. 20.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Aug. 27.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Sept. 3.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Sept. 10.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Sept. 17.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Sept. 24.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Sept. 31.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Oct. 8.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Oct. 15.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Oct. 22.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Oct. 29.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Nov. 5.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Nov. 12.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Nov. 19.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Nov. 26.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Dec. 3.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Dec. 10.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Dec. 17.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Dec. 24.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Dec. 31.....	295.36	302.05	305.79
Average			\$10.97
			\$10.21

Note: The Wholesale Food Price Index represents the sum total of the price per pound of 31 foodstuffs in general use.

Daily Wholesale Price Index of 30 Basic Commodities

Compiled by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., from wholesale quotations furnished by the United Press Association. (1930-1934=100)

June 1952	May 1952	Apr. 1952	Mar. 1952	Feb. 1952
1.....	296.04	301.78	302.09	307.50
2.....	294.85	295.46	302.08	307.51
3.....	294.90	295.74	301.61	302.11
4.....	295.15	295.59	301.05	307.00
5.....	295.08	295.47	301.37	307.25
6.....	295.01	295.88	300.72	307.17
7.....	297.38	300.79	301.15	307.50
8.....	296.44	301.33	301.11	307.90
9.....	295.79	297.80	301.80	306.66
10.....	295.74	296.54	302.50	307.50
11.....	294.82	295.40	302.91	304.58
12.....	295.78	297.01	301.98	301.48
13.....	295.54	297.08	301.82	305.19
14.....	295.00	296.05	302.81	305.29
15.....	295.31	296.31	303.00	303.00
16.....	295.51	297.92	300.39	304.59
17.....	294.14	297.48	299.69	303.16
18.....	293.74	298.74	303.05	302.80
19.....	297.98	298.34	303.23	303.73
20.....	297.44	298.34	301.96	304.08
21.....	297.33	298.34	301.96	304.13
22.....	297.34	297.69	302.04	304.29
23.....	296.32	297.20	301.25	304.29
24.....	296.41	296.86	301.61	304.40
25.....	296.45	296.89	301.61	304.40
26.....	296.45	296.85	301.10	304.13
27.....	296.65	296.40	300.42	302.70
28.....	296.97	296.24	301.26	302.25
29.....	297.49	296.94	301.17	301.99
30.....	294.55	294.00	301.45	301.74
31.....	294.55	294.00	301.45	301.74
(a) Holiday				
High				
Low				

BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES

May 1952 and 1951

The following table gives monthly building permit values by cities and by geographical regions. The figures represent estimated building costs under permits issued to prospective builders within the corporate limits of the cities enumerated. They include new residential and new non-residential buildings, as well as additions, alterations, and repairs. Land costs are not included. The data are compiled from reports furnished monthly to Bus & Bradstreet, Inc., by the building departments of the various cities.

	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952		May 1952	May 1951	April 1952
New England:				South Atlantic:			
Boston, Mass.	\$1,811,613	\$6,734,890	\$9,256,665	Asheville, N. C.	\$57,317	\$66,201	\$28,546
Bridgeport, Conn.	609,730	1,093,010	6,990,730	Atlanta, Ga.	3,417,139	2,618,173	3,417,139
Bristol, Conn.	249,497	259,187	173,648	Augusta, Ga.	312,217	300,466	342,480
Brockton, Mass.	203,515	199,161	930,850	Baltimore, Md.	8,210,826	8,335,916	4,681,362
Cambridge, Mass.	344,254	224,254	406,330	Charleston, S. C.	152,606	215,873	109,269
Chelmsford, Mass.	35,310	45,660	75,250	Charlotte, N. C.	1,557,384	1,183,284	1,216,193
Easton, Mass.	256,840	112,880	74,020	Coral Gables, Fla.	1,007,207	1,007,207	516,881
Fall River, Mass.	401,708	126,955	116,760	Greenville, S. C.	504,015	807,482	516,881
Fitchburg, Mass.	144,865	149,925	125,623	Greenville, S. C.	339,645	3,244,670	2,444,833
Greenwich, Conn.	2,140,654	1,112,845	844,652	Jacksonville, Fla.	1,434,593	1,385,351	1,370,230
Hartford, Conn.	92,215	73,850	566,625	Lynchburg, Va.	316,192	287,558	127,725
Hebron, Conn.	355,500	109,425	26,335	Meriden, Conn.	242,485	275,700	242,485
Leicester, Mass.	43,740	105,445	370,215	Milford, Conn.	3,255,565	3,189,909	3,271,611
Lowell, Mass.	96,585	80,515	92,700	Miami Beach, Fla.	922,719	319,158	1,058,526
Lynn, Mass.	163,975	209,400	106,145	Norfolk, Va.	4,787,036	744,030	1,059,540
Manchester, N. H.	172,295	336,411	52,433	Richmond, Va.	1,377,909	1,440,548	1,736,929
Marlboro, Mass.	176,215	315,692	144,200	Rosemary, Va.	793,468	1,104,546	673,563
New Bedford, Mass.	205,465	1,519,705	292,845	Savannah, Ga.	202,000	1,000,400	1,000,400
New Britain, Conn.	413,225	463,065	335,925	Tempe, Ariz.	910,133	612,247	612,247
New Haven, Conn.	571,966	1,121,544	479,993	Washington, D. C.	3,184,375	6,631,774	5,543,184
Newton, Mass.	641,715	719,780	685,100	Washington, D. C.	516,574	1,079,220	889,206
Wellesley, Conn.	718,807	1,954,800	1,511,190	Total So. Atlantic.	\$34,067,156	\$40,102,936	\$40,066,944
Wellesley, Mass.	150,521	704,605	550,528	East Central:			
Providence, R. I.	511,800	653,400	772,750	Akron, Ohio.	\$4,994,214	\$2,759,269	\$4,408,632
Quincy, Mass.	263,557	1,405,620	484,532	Bay City, Mich.	5,545,340	421,594	240,958
Salem, Mass.	90,700	216,400	292,655	Benton, Ill.	177,842	278,160	622,919
Springfield, Mass.	411,120	75,761	84,141	Beloit, Wis.	217,237	217,237	675,675
Springfield, Mass.	972,432	898,938	1,654,693	Bluffton, Ind.	702,408	149,496	473,195
Stamford, Conn.	535,145	1,023,249	879,210	Chicago, Ill.	16,516,800	27,124,600	17,784,100
Waterbury, Conn.	726,500	616,625	3,796,650	Cincinnati, Ohio.	4,516,193	6,205,390	3,682,225
West Hartford, Conn.	1,801,150	2,224,224	814,130	Clarksville, Ky.	42,492	151,880	109,585
Worcester, Mass.	1,158,287	1,085,200	544,160	Cleveland, Ohio.	4,730,000	6,089,800	4,732,400
Total New England.	\$18,042,004	\$26,422,880	\$14,698,291	Columbus, Ohio.	4,430,305	3,329,225	3,329,225
Middle Atlantic:				Dayton, Ohio.	1,786,710	539,165	1,377,055
Manhattan, N. Y.	\$12,299,900	\$12,291,750	\$26,665,575	Detroit, Mich.	10,027,871	21,165,935	8,530,242
Manhattan, N. Y.	2,164,021	7,031,075	7,971,400	East St. Louis, Ill.	229,135	500,770	241,460
Bronx,	15,256,850	13,834,312	1,981,850	Evanston, Ill.	1,285,950	1,202,450	291,050
Bronx,	347,870	632,560	406,050	Evendale, Ind.	430,150	430,150	1,036,545
Brooklyn,	2,231,550	6,603,832	1,586,520	Fayette, Ind.	2,982,200	1,644,200	1,644,200
Brooklyn,	1,747,675	2,274,630	2,293,060	Fort Wayne, Ind.	733,581	1,123,269	998,552
Queens,	8,014,200	181,720	142,520	Gary, Ind.	972,511	1,183,208	1,183,732
Queens,	2,094,500	611,958	1,147,765	Grand Rapids, Mich.	1,113,430	1,714,735	619,715
Kings,	815,145	755,240	1,615,295	Green Bay, Wis.	1,415,235	711,015	1,415,235
Kings,	293,837	191,101	144,970	Huntington, W. Va.	4,044,210	1,044,040	997,478
Total N. Y. City.	\$62,446,322	\$22,762,259	\$51,123,323	Indianapolis, Ind.	2,927,282	3,556,215	2,900,089
(a) New York.				Lima, Ohio.	597,525	563,740	435,720
Albany, N. Y.	\$1,895,573	\$55,991,223	\$50,500	Louisville, Ky.	145,193	598,085	164,025
Allentown, Pa.	887,150	540,930	929,250	Madison, Wis.	1,247,131	6,020,519	1,247,131
Allentown, Pa.	311,973	150,659	160,426	Milwaukee, Wis.	495,475	1,076,624	605,120
Atlantic City, N. J.	150,700	356,000	92,700	Newark, Ohio.	6,690,581	9,031,444	6,025,120
Aurora, Ill.	196,215	231,350	211,40	Oak Park, Ill.	256,500	214,925	70,349
Bayonne, N. J.	119,407	28,765	81,675	Peoria, Ill.	2,262,155	156,175	197,655
Binghamton, N. Y.	172,894	257,103	1,167,919	Pontiac, Mich.	1,243,144	655,367	562,494
Buffalo, N. Y.	5,946,014	1,366,328	1,336,129	Quincy, Ill.	510,175	393,933	495,185
Camden, N. J.	236,594	381,818	312,073	Racine, Wis.	215,225	191,522	179,792
East Orange, N. J.	300,400	140,425	140,425	Rockford, Ill.	1,254,333	579,740	904,592
Elizabeth, N. J.	130,239	112,165	374,155	Saginaw, Mich.	1,120,850	1,012,655	974,225
Elmira, N. Y.	61,993	75,903	1,245,892	Salem, Mass.	420,175	509,286	3,091,620
Erie, Pa.	2,097,455	1,155,640	605,710	Springfield, Ill.	1,106,642	1,106,642	1,106,642
Harrisburg, Pa.	157,960	484,675	190,565	Springfield, Ohio.	475,410	1,144,400	1,144,400
Jamesburg, Pa.	214,150	211,210	161,938	Superior, Wis.	170,150	105,200	610,695
Lebanon, Pa.	400,800	347,975	455,975	Terre Haute, Ind.	162,760	110,681	151,946
Lancaster, Pa.	213,282	393,970	393,970	Toledo, Ohio.	141,892	284,870	136,209
Mount Vernon, N. Y.	509,011	167,235	896,710	Watervliet, N. Y.	1,450,430	1,601,200	1,629,100
Newark, N. J.	195,560	760,320	3,204,800	Wheeling, W. Va.	1,200,554	567,555	576,167
New Brunswick, N. J.	897,555	101,825	149,920	Youngstown, Ohio.	182,200	170,000	170,000
Newark, N. J.	605,960	224,700	412,310	Zanesville, Ohio.	661,103	986,121	1,670,257
Niagara Falls, N. Y.	747,987	97,167	1,257,887		53,300	99,240	224,150
Philadelphia, Pa.	9,716,280	7,384,610	7,194,550				
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1,723,043	4,902,514	2,452,352				
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	93,683	78,700	223,950				
Reading, Pa.	335,850	371,236	702,319				
Rochester, N. Y.	1,353,200	925,200	1,910,200				
Schenectady, N. Y.	386,200	380,182	1,152,520				
Scranton, Pa.	1,242,130	188,818	85,191				
Syracuse, N. Y.	1,004,090	2,340,510	1,569,430				
Troy, N. Y.	158,000	193,400	167,526				
Utica, N. Y.	159,625	1,317,25	223,450				
Watertown, N. Y.	189,100	110,180	161,938				
White Plains, N. Y.	1,029,509	314,085	481,615				
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	190,769	148,826	148,418				
Williamsport, Pa.	168,656	582,370	538,143				
Washington, D. C.	1,388,742	1,872,859	1,407,687				
Woonsocket, R. I.	4,000,715	759,915	2,071,570				
Toronto, Pa.	130,100	724,600	450,034				
Total Middle Atlt.	\$105,940,758	\$94,492,653	\$89,914,949				
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BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR 215 CITIES—Continued

May 1952 and 1951

	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952	May 1952	May 1951	April 1952
So. Centr. (Cont.)				Mountains		
Montgomery, Ala.....	\$578,200	\$591,800	\$724,800	Bolton, Idaho.....	\$306,693	\$194,057
Muskogee, Okla.....	66,170	82,700	30,025	Battle, Mont.....	22,600	15,740
Marksville, La.....	45,000	1,222,000	8,416,000	Butte, Mont.....	22,600	40,400
New Orleans, La.....	2,130,053	4,695,967	3,730,988	Colorado Springs, Col.....	50,143	1,074,995
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	2,881,662	2,082,634	2,005,557	Denver, Colo.....	7,041,673	6,100,668
Port Arthur, Texas.....	310,720	554,667	379,514	Great Falls, Mont.....	237,700	290,730
San Angelo, Texas.....	350,700	495,345	540,196	Idaho Falls, Idaho.....	447,200	538,200
San Antonio, Texas.....	5,141,859	8,411,660	3,602,452	Phoenix, Ariz.....	775,007	2,017,947
Shreveport, La.....	1,242,133	1,197,205	2,079,885	Flagstaff, Ariz.....	2,246,998	1,561,701
Tulsa, Okla.....	2,634,950	1,696,765	1,093,200	Salt Lake City, Utah.....	1,328,591	1,550,882
Waco, Texas.....	958,250	1,498,425	1,624,931	Tucson, Ariz.....	420,559	360,074
Wichita Falls, Texas.....	1,921,731	380,240	1,007,352	Total Mountains.....	\$11,081,194	\$13,227,984
Total So. Central.....	\$70,765,478	\$51,611,204	\$69,327,616	Pacific		
West Central				Bakersfield, Calif.....	\$467,715	\$409,677
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.....	\$512,899	\$847,841	\$871,625	Berkeley, Calif.....	428,529	372,712
Decorah, Iowa.....	16,100	1,920,470	57,285	Beverly Hills, Calif.....	574,072	1,011,768
Dess Moines, Iowa.....	2,954,045	1,512,668	1,416,000	Fresno, Calif.....	1,081,891	1,060,000
Dubuque, Iowa.....	312,713	468,870	316,656	Glendale, Calif.....	1,026,555	1,085,902
Duluth, Minn.....	536,886	644,554	413,033	Long Beach, Calif.....	2,741,805	3,070,265
Fargo, N. D.....	712,950	548,650	948,730	Los Angeles, Calif.....	25,396,830	25,452,978
Kansas City, Kas.....	1,532,576	362,755	1,026,072	Oakland, Calif.....	1,266,930	3,252,093
Kansas City, Mo.....	2,544,240	2,971,470	3,400,000	Pasadena, Calif.....	1,537,790	1,276,074
Lincoln, Neb.....	94,295	1,111,473	1,597,680	Palo Alto, Calif.....	3,000,000	3,000,000
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2,584,215	3,042,565	3,322,319	Sacramento, Calif.....	761,629	503,130
Omaha, Neb.....	1,816,929	1,326,328	952,701	San Diego, Calif.....	6,021,387	3,901,210
St. Joseph, Mo.....	209,150	252,085	125,345	San Francisco, Calif.....	1,742,080	6,550,874
St. Louis, Mo.....	4,783,264	4,317,100	1,247,136	San Jose, Calif.....	3,986,060	1,365,172
St. Paul, Minn.....	311,453	311,193	311,198	Seattle, Wash.....	3,111,125	57,705,165
Sioux City, Iowa.....	499,000	597,188	431,490	Spokane, Wash.....	2,060,550	2,065,755
Sioux Falls, S. D.....	440,978	509,707	600,900	Stockton, Calif.....	824,341	590,751
Topeka, Kas.....	957,170	589,965	430,945	Tacoma, Wash.....	1,287,008	2,246,193
Wichita, Kas.....	3,279,890	1,469,615	2,540,594	Total Pacific.....	\$54,746,260	\$63,215,404
Total West Central.....	\$28,934,927	\$25,697,622	\$23,473,164	Total 215 Cities.....	\$408,033,113	\$430,074,188

Building Permit Values for 215 Cities—Monthly—1950 to Date

	Total United States—215 Cities			New York City			Outside New York City—24 Cities		
	1952	1951	1950	1952	1951	1950	1952	1951	1950
Jan.	\$50,293,065	\$446,881,401	\$234,999,161	\$24,712,989	\$51,032,885	\$41,973,234	\$24,580,076	\$295,848,516	\$291,125,957
Feb.	315,320,903	327,241,738	145,121,578	33,765,418	24,349,771	61,454,496	26,155,485	302,893,167	275,687,082
Mar.	350,270,591	431,630,560	448,893,654	31,535,059	49,584,940	48,240,730	318,735,532	382,045,620	400,692,924
Apr.	415,460,459	372,503,130	445,978,656	53,123,323	27,351,774	57,723,455	302,343,130	345,151,250	388,255,201
May	408,033,113	436,074,188	568,904,044	62,146,322	62,762,259	80,101,764	364,486,791	37,311,922	482,802,280
June	385,041,042	568,023,100	.....	51,458,270	102,502,255	.....	33,582,772	405,460,849	405,460,849
July	384,041,042	568,023,100	.....	51,458,270	102,502,255	.....	33,582,772	405,460,849	405,460,849
Aug.	437,666,040	532,991,193	.....	76,505,167	71,858,882	.....	361,161,249	511,139,091	.....
Sept.	412,834,048	408,266,993	.....	25,034,632	30,671,613	.....	287,800,016	377,593,386	.....
Oct.	367,445,821	500,266,660	.....	53,886,256	70,903,243	.....	311,559,061	449,332,417	.....
Nov.	285,365,014	408,668,048	.....	50,219,456	37,150,886	.....	235,145,558	371,317,167	.....
Dec.	266,210,510	426,667,027	.....	38,829,573	38,150,213	.....	227,380,937	388,456,714	.....
Total.....	\$4,584,466,337	\$5,549,694,106	.....	\$556,572,016	\$656,015,807	.....	\$4,027,894,301	\$4,893,678,699	.....

Building Permit Values and Index for 120 Cities—1939 to Date

	Index is 3-months moving average, based on average of 1920-1930 = 100. Adjusted for seasonal variation. (Value figures in thousands of dollars.)									
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1939
	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index	Value Index
January.....	198,149	133.4	366,023	201.2	269,459	166.5	188,300	126.3	233,321	140.0
February.....	242,915	132.4	261,100	183.4	282,201	167.7	194,905	117.5	190,900	127.7
March.....	131,930	132.9	350,142	140.9	356,191	158.4	255,522	101.9	263,664	137.3
April.....	321,000	123.9	261,100	174.3	261,100	174.3	261,100	101.9	265,522	177.1
May.....	319,919	128.5	229,211	141.6	464,051	174.5	257,721	116.4	272,261	117.2
June.....	333,019	147.6	418,324	195.6	317,107	117.0	298,305	122.8	222,814	88.3
July.....	354,029	160.1	433,953	185.4	276,762	133.2	295,797	136.5	222,942	100.3
August.....	317,470	157.6	322,470	195.5	317,470	141.7	284,218	134.9	245,263	119.9
September.....	300,188	156.0	406,117	188.4	309,773	147.8	246,859	126.7	200,773	121.1
October.....	237,169	138.6	336,273	199.9	295,112	145.9	228,859	127.5	135,724	112.1
November.....	204,230	127.0	342,244	210.1	249,302	153.4	228,846	128.7	255,387	143.4
December.....	3,654,367	.....	4,465,831	.....	3,131,076	.....	3,111,251	.....	2,469,870	.....
Total.....	1,028,028	.....	708,505	.....	418,961	.....	643,620	.....	1,196,043	.....
January.....	37,080	28.3	27,611	20.3	24,252	16.2	52,376	40.7	89,163	54.1
February.....	24,252	28.1	34,000	22.6	26,854	13.2	83,622	18.1	11,786	44.2
March.....	55,876	28.1	67,046	19.4	39,017	14.5	91,747	32.1	155,076	49.2
April.....	50,890	22.9	36,371	19.4	41,256	15.2	62,320	27.4	116,214	46.6
May.....	61,624	24.7	38,833	16.7	42,256	15.2	62,320	27.4	116,214	46.6
June.....	68,889	29.2	47,947	21.9	31,494	16.0	49,397	22.5	108,651	51.4
July.....	71,184	34.5	65,000	33.1	37,738	16.6	62,221	26.1	127,303	49.4
August.....	90,156	11,641	49,100	16.7	41,256	16.2	42,256	22.8	66,866	45.6
September.....	100,080	52.0	62,074	43.9	37,318	19.0	49,277	20.8	96,214	45.0
October.....	126,912	63.4	90,185	43.3	41,658	21.0	35,472	19.7	99,169	47.3
November.....	134,099	78.3	87,565	39.1	40,852	21.7	28,322	17.8	76,245	45.4
December.....	163,318	93.5	33,673	31.2	36,393	20.8	33,647	17.2	75,256	40.4
Total.....	1,028,028	.....	708,505	.....	418,961	.....	643,620	.....	1,196,043	.....

NEW BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES
TABULATED BY DUN & BRADSTREET, INC.

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	1952	
													1st	2nd
Alabama.....	46	67	159	37	44	30	111	46	44	61	151	55		
Arizona.....	56	52	186	72	67	67	209	65	59	154	59			
Arkansas.....	35	35	166	49	22	20	90	55	53	152	53			
California.....	539	485	1,445	548	510	605	1,692	634	640	711	1,985	778		
Colorado.....	66	66	160	50	14	14	147	52	62	120	207	59		
Connecticut.....	112	93	200	114	115	124	353	145	129	120	204	137		
Delaware.....	176	182	184	547	229	211	187	627	270	216	218	268		
Florida.....	298	328	290	915	328	218	339	945	297	292	339	928	347	
Georgia.....	90	79	89	258	65	93	67	225	135	86	99	320	75	
Idaho.....	25	20	62	17	15	10	24	49	27	20	18	65		
Illinois.....	302	314	944	345	313	419	1,077	357	343	347	1,047	406		
Indiana.....	86	105	87	278	98	130	318	107	91	114	312	106		
Iowa.....	39	29	38	106	34	34	45	113	37	31	35	103	57	
Kansas.....	157	135	122	224	47	36	64	147	49	51	46	145	65	
Kentucky.....	39	43	44	120	52	37	51	140	56	45	171	62		
Louisiana.....	70	54	58	162	56	53	56	165	79	69	69	217	81	
Maine.....	22	26	20	68	29	31	43	103	30	26	30	86	35	
Maryland.....	106	119	119	344	135	122	109	366	149	142	225	516	157	
Massachusetts.....	216	238	205	659	208	208	355	771	248	207	197	652	276	
Michigan.....	215	215	211	551	165	174	149	488	207	194	174	575	172	
Minnesota.....	26	27	19	72	23	23	21	28	74	37	37	238	90	
Mississippi.....	114	118	113	345	146	89	116	351	132	145	138	313	43	
Missouri.....	25	16	10	51	16	8	24	48	26	8	10	44	159	
Montana.....	22	14	20	56	14	21	29	64	33	23	39	95	23	
Nebraska.....	32	40	35	107	48	41	36	125	38	43	72	153		
Nevada.....	23	23	18	64	25	19	26	120	27	19	22	68	26	
New Hampshire.....	428	439	394	1,261	514	463	358	1,335	598	476	548	1,622		
New Jersey.....	15	16	46	46	18	15	15	29	29	12	17	58	16	
New Mexico.....	1,405	1,587	1,380	4,278	1,654	1,564	1,497	4,715	2,233	1,689	1,853	5,825	1,985	
New York.....	100	100	90	80	80	80	87	125	125	86	86	309	133	
North Dakota.....	8	4	6	18	10	15	15	33	12	16	11	39	9	
Ohio.....	371	323	1,055	405	331	330	1,012	461	409	547	1,417	452		
Oklahoma.....	85	66	64	215	59	68	60	192	85	89	81	255	99	
Oregon.....	72	72	46	190	58	50	64	192	70	56	55	181		
Pennsylvania.....	210	241	181	632	230	196	267	623	310	222	289	821	271	
Rhode Island.....	39	33	109	48	44	55	55	147	69	58	53	180	84	
South Carolina.....	59	43	51	153	59	50	55	164	67	43	49	159	55	
South Dakota.....	10	15	10	35	14	10	14	38	11	8	7	26	9	
Tennessee.....	72	68	62	202	65	47	78	190	89	90	78	257	97	
Texas.....	242	246	233	721	222	247	262	731	274	325	325	972	319	
Utah.....	225	17	21	63	14	14	14	65	13	34	25	89	50	
Vermont.....	13	13	35	14	14	14	14	42	13	10	31	31		
Virginia.....	97	98	274	96	98	96	68	128	114	128	370	112		
Washington.....	96	85	49	230	78	63	215	90	78	94	262	97		
West Virginia.....	55	49	29	133	46	44	38	120	55	36	46	137	40	
Wisconsin.....	89	88	88	276	97	72	124	294	103	100	96	299	122	
Wyoming.....	10	8	5	23	10	15	23	15	22	12	15	37	21	
Total 48 States..	6,426	6,496	5,950	18,874	6,812	6,289	6,913	20,014	8,357	7,138	7,902	23,397	8,284	

Failures by Industrial Groups—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Mining & Mfg.	% of Total	Wholesale Trade	% of Total	Retail Trade	% of Total	Construction	% of Total	Commercial Service	% of Total
January.....	864	225	26.1	110	12.2	403	46.6	65	7.5	61	7.1
February.....	811	170	21.0	100	12.3	399	49.2	73	9.0	69	8.5
March.....	884	206	23.3	116	13.1	402	45.5	86	9.7	74	8.4
April.....	806	195	24.2	93	11.5	398	49.4	76	9.4	44	5.5
May.....	874	197	22.5	109	12.5	426	48.7	80	9.2	62	7.1
June.....	725	157	23.1	67	2.2	365	50.1	61	8.4	67	9.2
July.....	694	151	21.8	73	10.5	343	49.4	65	9.4	62	8.9
August.....	787	173	22.0	70	8.9	402	51.1	91	11.5	51	6.5
September.....	648	147	22.7	69	10.6	314	48.5	75	11.6	43	6.6
October.....	707	150	21.2	63	8.9	339	47.9	91	12.9	64	9.1
November.....	683	150	22.0	69	10.1	310	45.4	87	12.7	67	9.6
December.....	679	143	21.1	77	11.3	330	48.6	62	9.1	62	9.9
Total Year.....	9,162	2,074	22.6	1,016	11.1	4,429	48.3	912	10.0	731	8.0
1951											
January.....	775	132	17.0	73	9.4	410	52.9	97	12.5	63	8.2
February.....	599	107	17.9	69	11.5	304	50.8	60	10.0	59	9.8
March.....	732	115	15.7	88	12.0	377	51.5	83	11.4	69	9.4
April.....	693	119	17.2	76	11.0	365	52.6	81	11.7	59	7.5
May.....	735	138	17.0	64	11.1	385	51.0	94	12.4	64	8.8
June.....	699	129	18.4	66	9.4	390	55.8	71	10.2	48	6.2
July.....	665	130	19.6	66	9.9	340	51.1	74	11.1	55	8.1
August.....	678	136	20.1	64	9.4	333	49.1	89	13.1	56	8.1
September.....	620	150	24.1	70	11.3	277	44.7	84	13.5	39	6.3
October.....	643	150	23.3	47	7.2	304	47.3	85	11.2	57	8.9
November.....	587	100	18.0	58	9.9	307	52.3	69	11.6	48	8.2
December.....	612	131	21.4	66	10.8	295	48.4	71	11.0	48	7.8
Total Year.....	8,058	1,533	19.0	827	10.3	4,088	50.7	957	11.9	653	8.1
1952											
January.....	671	143	21.3	62	9.2	348	51.9	68	10.1	50	7.5
February.....	619	133	21.5	60	9.7	304	49.1	70	11.3	52	8.4
March.....	715	148	20.7	69	9.6	371	51.9	72	10.1	55	7.2
April.....	780	171	21.9	83	10.7	375	48.1	92	11.9	58	7.4
May.....	628	111	17.4	59	9.2	333	52.2	79	11.8	60	9.4
June.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
July.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
August.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
September.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
October.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
November.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
December.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total Year.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

Failures by Size of Liabilities—Monthly—1950 to Date

1950	Total Number	Under \$5,000	% of Total	\$5,000 to \$25,000	% of Total	\$25,000 to \$100,000	% of Total	\$100,000 to \$1,000,000	% of Total	\$1,000,000 and Over	% of Total
January.....	864	180	20.8	449	52.0	194	22.5	39	4.5	2	0.2
February.....	811	181	22.3	404	49.8	186	22.9	40	5.0	**	**
March.....	884	160	16.8	458	51.8	208	23.5	52	5.9	**	**
April.....	806	172	21.3	416	51.6	169	21.0	49	6.1	**	**
May.....	874	197	22.5	453	51.5	186	21.2	41	4.7	**	**
June.....	725	234	23.1	113	10.5	159	20.4	40	4.1	1	0.1
July.....	694	140	20.2	363	52.3	159	22.9	32	4.6	**	**
August.....	787	177	22.5	427	54.3	161	20.4	21	2.7	1	0.1
September.....	648	175	27.0	316	48.8	135	20.8	22	3.4	**	**
October.....	707	175	24.8	355	50.2	156	22.1	20	2.8	1	0.1
November.....	683	186	27.2	342	50.1	122	17.9	31	4.5	2	0.3
December.....	679	147	21.6	353	52.0	146	21.8	29	4.1	0	0.1
Total Year.....	9,162	2,065	22.5	4,706	51.4	1,975	21.6	407	4.6	9	0.1
1951											
January.....	775	190	24.5	404	52.1	143	18.5	38	4.9	**	**
February.....	599	145	24.2	302	50.4	121	20.2	30	5.0	1	0.2
March.....	732	170	23.2	401	54.8	137	18.7	23	3.2	1	0.1
April.....	693	159	24.5	148	52.9	145	20.9	24	3.5	1	0.1
May.....	755	159	21.1	406	54.0	145	19.2	46	5.6	1	0.1
June.....	699	165	23.5	359	51.3	134	19.2	41	5.9	1	0.1
July.....	665	150	22.6	347	52.2	134	20.1	32	4.8	2	0.3
August.....	678	141	20.8	345	50.9	152	22.3	18	5.6	3	0.4
September.....	620	150	24.2	315	50.8	152	18.1	39	6.8	4	0.6
October.....	611	155	21.2	319	49.5	145	18.5	39	6.1	4	0.6
November.....	587	129	22.0	306	52.1	121	20.0	30	5.1	1	0.2
December.....	612	123	20.1	306	50.0	146	23.9	36	5.9	1	0.1
Total Year.....	8,058	1,832	22.7	4,160	51.6	1,634	20.3	412	5.1	20	0.3
1952											
January.....	671	119	17.7	343	51.1	154	23.0	52	7.8	3	0.4
February.....	619	117	16.9	328	53.0	138	22.3	34	5.5	2	0.3
March.....	715	156	16.1	367	51.3	156	23.6	48	6.7	20	0.3
April.....	760	156	20.0	379	48.6	160	23.1	54	6.2	1	0.1
May.....	638	130	20.6	337	50.8	140	21.9	59	6.6	0	0.1
June.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
July.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
August.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
September.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
October.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
November.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
December.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Total Year.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

Failures by Divisions of Industry—May 1952

Industry & Manufacturing	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities	
	May 1952	5 Months 1952	May 1952	5 Months 1952
Mining & Coal, City, Mines	2	16	9	178
Food & Kindred Products	12	91	93	3,206
Textile Mill Products	24	172	134	254
Lumber, Wood, Paper	20	49	89	711
Paper, Printing & Publishing	15	48	46	457
Chemicals & Allied Products	3	21	19	413
Leather & Products	6	41	31	1,985
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1	19	14	32
Metals, Steel & Products	2	20	11	1,776
Machinery, General	8	59	51	3,197
Transportation Equipment	2	19	5	278
Miscellaneous	22	104	111	529
Total Mining & Mfg.	111	706	601	10,217
Food & Farm Products	21	111	120	1,041
Apparel	2	17	14	151
dry Goods	2	16	12	49
Automobiles, Motorcycles	2	27	30	137
Chemicals & Drugs	2	11	14	37
Motor Vehicles & Auto Equip.	3	9	15	81
Miscellaneous	27	140	185	370
Total Wholesale Trade	59	333	390	1,847
Food & Liquor	73	415	486	889
Apparel & Accessories	3	40	31	227
Furniture, Home Furnishings	46	239	300	775
Lumber, Building, etc.	49	194	189	919
Automotive Group	15	76	102	337
Building Contractors	26	129	143	416
Building Purchasing Places	82	363	329	1,256
Drug Stores	9	47	41	96
Miscellaneous	26	147	180	347
Total Retail Trade	333	1,731	1,841	5,264
Construction				
Genl Bldg. Contractors	20	137	140	1,624
Building Sub-Contractors	50	293	261	834
Other Contractors	5	18	14	188
Total Construction	75	378	415	2,646
Commercial Services				
Pass. & Freight Trans.	23	89	88	599
Misc. Public Services	5	19	15	128
Hotels	**	12	8	**
Cleaning, Drying, Repairing	4	37	43	39
Laundries	3	16	22	47
Undertakers	2	6	6	42
Other Personal Services	3	22	27	51
Business & Legal Services	20	75	99	319
Total Commercial Service	60	275	307	1,219
Total United States	638	3,423	3,554	21,193
Failures in Large Cities—May 1952				
City	May 1952	5 Months 1952	May 1952	5 Months 1952
New York, N. Y.	143	876	805	5,369
Chicago, Ill.	114	146	500	3,976
Philadelphia, Pa.	6	57	62	67
Detroit, Mich.	12	37	45	399
Los Angeles, Calif.	28	159	156	511
Cleveland, Ohio	4	28	39	155
Baltimore, Md.	8	20	16	1,042
St. Louis, Mo.	2	15	15	1,598
Boston, Mass.	12	64	55	260
Pittsburgh, Pa.	3	17	18	24
Washington, D. C.	2	13	2	65
San Francisco, Calif.	12	53	39	4,250
Milwaukee, Wis.	2	21	55	11
Baltimore, Md.	8	23	17	116
New Orleans, La.	3	17	12	178
Minneapolis, Minn.	5	10	13	39
Cincinnati, Ohio	2	11	6	251
Newark, N. J.	4	29	22	150
Hartford, Conn.	2	7	13	111
Indianapolis, Ind.	2	6	5	43
Houston, Texas	2	7	12	139
Seattle, Wash.	4	22	35	102
Knoxville, Tenn.	2	13	17	59
Louisville, Ky.	1	5	4	13
Denver, Colo.	2	6	1	164
Total 25 Cities	304	1,659	1,652	9,926
Balance of Country	317	1,104	1,202	11,257
Total United States	638	3,423	3,554	21,193

United States Failures by States—May 1952

State	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities	
	May 1952	5 Months 1952	May 1952	5 Months 1952
Massachusetts	14	14	19	337
New Hampshire	5	8	9	106
Vermont	2	5	2	210
Connecticut	29	173	158	1,240
Rhode Island	3	43	37	144
Total New England	62	312	289	2,409
New York	169	1,052	1,000	5,743
New Jersey	26	133	139	1,337
Pennsylvania	15	140	178	4,534
Total Middle Atlantic	212	1,325	1,315	11,247
Ohio	18	92	116	5,583
Indiana	3	26	29	178
Illinois	30	187	124	9,915
Michigan	21	66	49	2,340
Wisconsin	9	58	113	2,195
Total East No. Central	91	429	548	2,810
Minnesota	7	40	38	1,053
Iowa	3	13	13	44
Missouri	5	29	43	1,923
North Dakota	**	4	3	**
South Dakota	**	2	5	**
Nebraska	1	13	16	5
Kansas	1	13	16	1,258
Total West No. Central	15	104	121	4,598
Maryland	9	25	46	2,292
Delaware	**	4	1	145
Dist. of Columbia	2	13	2	85
Virginia	2	26	20	322
West Virginia	5	24	39	1,706
North Carolina	5	22	37	212
South Carolina	1	5	3	573
Georgia	3	28	35	1,476
Florida	14	56	58	330
Total So. Atlantic	42	203	232	3,646
Kentucky	3	12	17	56
Tennessee	7	35	37	1,188
Alabama	2	19	17	104
Mississippi	6	17	19	153
Total East So. Cent.	18	83	90	5,227
Arkansas	3	6	10	525
Oklahoma	2	14	14	1,537
Louisiana	7	33	35	1,262
Texas	8	39	38	1,051
Total West So. Cent.	20	92	97	4,885
Montana	**	2	1	**
Wyoming	4	6	81	171
Colorado	2	7	8	104
New Mexico	**	6	13	185
Arizona	4	20	20	45
Utah	2	20	14	122
Nevada	2	6	5	167
Total Mountain	17	70	69	2,465
Pacific	14	57	71	1,557
Oregon	8	37	32	195
California	138	691	690	2,620
Total Pacific	160	765	793	3,095
Total United States	638	3,423	3,554	21,193

Canadian Failures by Provinces—May 1952

Province	Number of Failures		Current Liabilities	
	May 1952	5 Months 1952	May 1952	5 Months 1952
Canada	14	57	21	1,557
Washington	8	37	32	195
Oregon	1	0	4	18
Alberta	3	11	9	213
New Brunswick	3	11	9	17
Quebec	29	203	246	1,409
Ontario	16	83	46	1,263
Manitoba	1	24	9	33
Saskatchewan	**	3	1	**
Alberta	4	8	1	14
British Columbia	8	23	17	93
Total Canada	94	424	349	2,198

Failures by Industrial Groups and Size of Liabilities—May 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

	May 1952			January to May 1952			January to May 1951					
	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.	Number	Per Cent	Current Liab.	Total Liab.
Mining & Manufacturing	111	100.0	10,217	10,233	706	100.0	49,875	50,600	601	100.0	27,869	29,333
Under \$5,000.....	12	10.8	36	36	74	10.5	217	217	101	16.8	291	291
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	47	42.4	483	483	303	42.9	3,598	3,598	280	46.6	3,200	3,200
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	35	31.5	1,718	1,718	223	31.6	11,205	11,305	159	26.5	7,675	7,675
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	15	13.5	4,028	4,044	100	14.2	24,431	25,156	58	9.6	13,010	13,484
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	1.8	3,952	3,952	6	0.8	10,324	10,324	3	0.5	3,593	4,583
Wholesale Trade	59	100.0	1,847	1,847	333	100.0	15,219	15,416	390	100.0	12,555	12,630
Under \$5,000.....	11	18.6	27	27	42	12.6	119	119	57	14.0	168	168
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	28	47.5	320	320	147	44.1	1,837	1,837	203	52.1	2,478	2,478
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	14	23.7	609	609	109	30.8	5,110	5,110	105	26.9	5,039	5,039
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	6	10.2	891	891	34	10.2	4,497	6,094	25	6.4	4,870	4,945
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	**	**	**	**	1	0.3	1,748	1,748	**	**	**	**
Retail Trade	333	100.0	5,264	5,264	1,731	100.0	33,528	33,504	1,841	100.0	33,472	33,555
Under \$5,000.....	75	22.5	224	224	419	24.2	1,270	1,270	539	29.3	1,492	1,492
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	194	58.3	2,216	2,216	983	56.8	11,280	11,280	905	54.0	14,458	14,458
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	63	18.9	2,723	2,723	288	16.6	12,749	12,749	279	14.8	11,251	11,251
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	1	0.3	101	101	41	2.4	8,223	8,289	35	1.9	6,271	6,354
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Construction	75	100.0	2,646	2,646	378	100.0	13,591	13,621	415	100.0	14,836	14,884
Under \$5,000.....	16	21.3	45	45	55	14.6	150	150	72	17.3	211	211
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	38	50.7	508	508	187	49.5	2,404	2,404	221	51.3	2,704	2,704
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	16	21.3	683	683	100	26.4	4,051	4,051	93	22.4	4,012	4,012
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	5	6.7	1,410	1,410	36	9.5	6,370	6,406	28	6.8	6,909	6,957
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	1	0.2	1,000	1,000
Commercial Service	60	100.0	1,219	1,219	275	100.0	13,424	13,574	307	100.0	7,188	7,271
Under \$5,000.....	16	26.7	46	46	61	22.2	167	167	70	22.8	214	214
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	30	50.0	186	186	134	48.7	1,565	1,565	164	53.4	1,954	1,954
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	12	20.0	463	463	61	22.2	2,211	2,211	69	20.2	2,699	2,699
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	2	3.3	324	324	16	5.8	3,238	3,388	11	3.6	2,325	2,414
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	**	**	**	**	3	1.1	5,733	5,733	**	**	**	**
Total United States	638	100.0	21,193	21,209	3,423	100.0	125,637	126,805	3,554	100.0	95,914	97,673
Under \$5,000.....	130	20.4	378	378	651	19.0	1,993	1,993	839	23.6	2,370	2,376
\$5,000 to \$25,000.....	337	52.8	3,913	3,913	1,754	51.3	20,090	20,090	1,802	52.4	24,894	24,894
\$25,000 to \$100,000.....	140	21.9	6,196	6,196	781	22.8	36,454	36,454	691	19.5	30,666	30,666
\$100,000 to \$1,000,000.....	29	4.6	6,754	6,770	227	6.6	48,765	49,933	157	4.4	33,385	34,154
\$1,000,000 and Over.....	2	0.3	3,952	3,952	10	0.3	17,805	17,805	4	0.1	4,593	5,883

Failures by Federal Reserve Districts by Divisions of Industry—May 1952

(Liabilities in thousands of dollars)

Districts	Mining & Manufacturing		Wholesale Trade		Retail Trade		Construction		Commercial Service		Total United States	
	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.	No.	Current Liab.
Boston.....(1).....	10	915	7	108	32	434	7	835	6	117	62	2,409
New York.....(2).....	48	4,528	16	419	107	1,497	9	423	13	157	193	7,024
Philadelphia.....(3).....	9	56	3	20	12	58	8	44	3	22	14	202
Cleveland.....(4).....	1	1	2	2	22	12	346	5	31	2	19	622
Richmond.....(5).....	5	2,714	3	138	10	329	8	24	3	68	23	3,213
Atlanta.....(6).....	5	313	1	3	20	356	4	39	4	268	34	979
Chicago.....(7).....	13	479	7	364	42	756	10	543	3	88	75	2,230
St. Louis.....(8).....	1	73	3	146	3	47	1	17	2	28	10	311
Minneapolis.....(9).....	3	87	**	**	4	48	1	15	1	5	9	155
Kansas City.....(10).....	**	**	2	160	6	65	**	**	**	**	8	246
Dallas.....(11).....	8	99	1	8	131	1	20	1	20	1	12	253
San Francisco.....(12).....	20	950	14	243	81	1,150	35	699	23	447	173	3,489
Total United States	111	10,217	59	1,847	333	5,264	75	2,646	60	1,219	638	21,193

Dun's Failure Index

(Apparent Annual Number of Failures per 10,000 Enterprises)

	Unadjusted Index							Adjusted Index						
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
January.....	29.7	34.0	38.5	25.7	16.7	10.2	4.7	27.8	31.8	36.0	23.8	15.3	9.3	4.3
February.....	31.0	31.0	41.0	32.0	13.8	6.1	2.5	26.3	26.3	34.5	20.8	19.5	11.8	5.3
March.....	31.6	31.2	36.4	35.5	21.3	12.4	4.8	29.5	28.9	33.4	22.9	19.7	11.5	4.5
April.....	34.4	31.9	36.0	38.1	18.5	13.5	4.5	31.6	29.3	33.0	25.0	17.0	12.4	4.1
May.....	28.1	33.5	37.6	34.9	20.2	18.2	4.7	26.5	31.6	35.5	33.2	19.2	17.3	4.5
June.....	31.2	31.2	35.7	21.0	14.1	3.8	**	31.5	31.5	36.1	21.2	14.4	3.8	**
July.....	30.7	31.2	32.2	18.5	14.2	3.9	**	33.0	33.5	34.6	20.3	15.3	4.3	**
August.....	28.9	32.0	33.5	32.0	13.4	4.6	**	32.0	37.2	38.1	22.3	15.2	5.2	**
September.....	28.7	29.5	32.7	18.4	14.2	5.4	**	35.4	35.1	38.5	21.9	16.9	6.5	**
October.....	28.5	32.3	35.7	21.1	15.5	6.3	**	31.0	35.5	39.7	24.0	17.4	7.1	**
November.....	29.3	31.7	40.5	22.9	17.3	5.9	**	29.3	33.7	40.5	22.9	17.1	5.8	**
December.....	28.2	30.9	33.0	23.3	14.8	7.4	**	29.7	32.5	34.0	23.5	15.3	7.4	**
Mo. Average.....	31.0	30.7	34.3	34.4	20.4	14.3	5.2	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

(1) Adjusted for seasonal variation.

TRADE ACTIVITY IN TWENTY-NINE REGIONS

CONSUMER SPENDING DIPS

While retail sales in the early part of June were below the level of 1951, consumer spending continued to be above that in the pre-Korea period in 1950.

Expenditures for household durables rose moderately with the suspension of credit controls by the Federal Reserve Board. New and used car sales rose, as is usual at this time of year.

Volume in apparel was lower than a year ago and a month ago. Cold weather in some areas throughout the month of May was thought to have discouraged an over-all rise in the buying of Summer apparel.

Food sales remained steady. The black market in potatoes virtually disappeared following the lifting of OPS ceilings; heavier shipments were effected almost immediately.

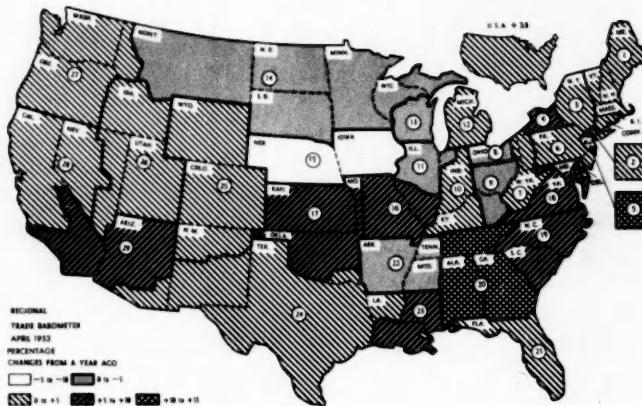
Total consumer spending in May declined 3 per cent according to the DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometer. The preliminary barometer at 331.8 was 1 per cent below May 1952.

Total retail sales in May, after allowance for seasonal variation, were estimated at \$13.0 billion. This was 2 per cent above April and 5 per cent above a year ago.

The final barometer for April 1952 was 342.4. This was 4 per cent above a year ago and a month ago. The most substantial increases over a year ago were registered by Northern New Jersey (5) up 15.0 per cent and Atlanta and Birmingham (20) up 12.7 per cent.

Largely as a result of flood conditions in that area, the barometer for Iowa and Nebraska (15) declined 9.0 per cent from a year ago.

Month-to-month changes ranged from an increase of 18.9 per cent in North and South Carolina (19) to a decline of 10.2 per cent in the Memphis region (22). The Texas region (24) had the highest barometer, 498.5; the Northern New Jersey region (5) had the lowest barometer 247.5.



REGIONAL TRADE BAROMETER COMPARISONS

Adjusted for Seasonal Variation
(1935-1939 = 100)

REGION	Apr. 1952	Change from Apr. 1951	Mar. 1952	Change from Mar. 1952	Comparison with U. S. 1948	Retail Sales 1948
United States	342.4	+ 3.6	328.5	+ 4.2	...	100.0
1. New England	253.5	+ 2.7	238.8	+ 6.2	-26.0	6.1
2. New York City	270.8	+ 1.2	256.1*	+ 5.7	-20.9	7.7
3. Albany, Utica and Syracuse	311.1	+ 4.2	320.8	- 3.0	- 9.1	2.2
4. Buffalo and Rochester	337.3	+ 5.3	307.8	+ 9.6	- 1.5	1.7
5. Northern New Jersey	247.5	+ 15.0	250.5	- 1.2	- 27.7	2.6
6. Philadelphia	303.1	+ 1.7	298.7	+ 1.5	- 11.5	5.8
7. Pittsburgh	319.2	+ 1.6	314.8	+ 1.4	- 6.8	3.6
8. Cleveland	333.5	- 1.8	355.6	- 6.2	- 2.6	2.8
9. Cincinnati and Columbus	339.1	- 0.2	353.5	- 4.1	- 1.0	3.0
10. Indianapolis and Louisville	385.2	+ 2.8	386.8	- 0.4	+ 12.5	2.9
11. Chicago	287.5	- 0.8	294.3	- 2.3	- 16.0	6.6
12. Detroit	361.4	+ 1.6	374.9	- 3.6	+ 5.5	4.4
13. Milwaukee	347.5	- 1.8	358.4	- 3.0	+ 1.5	2.1
14. Minneapolis and St. Paul	301.4	- 0.6	313.6	- 3.9	- 12.0	4.2
15. Iowa and Nebraska	314.8	- 9.0	320.2	- 1.7	- 8.1	3.0
16. St. Louis	310.2	+ 7.1	300.7	+ 3.2	- 9.4	2.6
17. Kansas City	379.5	+ 6.0	374.3*	+ 1.4	+ 10.8	3.4
18. Maryland and Virginia	345.6	+ 5.5	336.1	+ 2.8	+ 0.9	4.0
19. North and South Carolina	404.5	+ 7.6	340.2	+ 18.9	+ 18.1	2.6
20. Atlanta and Birmingham	479.7	+ 12.7	457.1	+ 4.9	+ 40.1	3.9
21. Florida	424.9	+ 4.0	387.1	+ 9.8	+ 24.1	1.8
22. Memphis	348.7	- 0.3	388.2*	- 10.2	+ 1.8	1.7
23. New Orleans	419.9	+ 5.3	424.0	- 1.0	+ 22.6	1.5
24. Texas	498.5	+ 4.6	463.4	+ 7.6	+ 45.6	5.6
25. Denver	353.4	+ 1.7	328.1	+ 7.7	+ 3.2	1.4
26. Salt Lake City	361.8	+ 4.7	346.0	+ 5.1	+ 6.2	0.9
27. Portland and Seattle	362.6	+ 0.5	379.2	- 4.4	+ 5.9	3.0
28. San Francisco	327.4	+ 0.7	333.2	- 1.7	- 4.4	4.0
29. Los Angeles	352.9	+ 5.4	342.4	+ 3.1	+ 3.1	4.9

* Revised

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 1

APRIL—Barometer 6% above March, 3% above year ago, 26% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Boston +2.6%, Springfield +1.0%, Providence -0.7%, New Haven -1.5%, Lowell-Lawrence -2.2%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Boston +3%, Bangor +1%, Hartford even, Worcester -2%, Providence -3%, New Haven -2%. Collections slower than year ago. Shoe orders heavy.

Region 2

APRIL—Barometer 6% above March, 1% above year ago, 21% below U. S.

MAY—New York City department store sales 10% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: down 5% in New York and Bridgeport. Bridgeport wholesale trade 4% below year ago. Collections slower than year ago. Above-average rainfall contributed to decline. Rise in appliances volume not as marked as elsewhere.

Region 3

APRIL—Barometer 3% below March, 4% above year ago, 9% below U. S.

MAY—Syracuse department store sales 3% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Albany even, Utica -3%, Syracuse -7%, Binghamton -12%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Albany -5%, Syracuse -6%, Binghamton -10%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Syracuse and Utica, slower in Albany.

Region 4

APRIL—Barometer 10% above March, 5% above year ago, 2% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Buffalo +1%, Rochester -9%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Buffalo and Elmira unchanged, Rochester -2%. Collections slower than a year ago. Transit strikes in Rochester and Jamestown. Prior to strike, Buffalo steel mills operated at 104.0% of capacity. Flour production 8% above 1951.

Region 5

APRIL—Barometer 1% below March, 15% above year ago, 28% below U. S.

MAY—Newark trade conditions compared with year ago: department store sales -5%, total retail trade -3%, wholesale trade -5%. Retail collections more prompt than year ago. Wholesale and manufacturers' collections slower than year ago. Unemployment in Newark area increased 19% over 1951. Defense orders rising.

The DUN'S REVIEW Regional Trade Barometers are designed to reflect changes in consumer purchases of commodities in the United States and 29 regions. A description of the barometer and back figures are available without charge.

The regional trade summaries are based upon data collected and weighed by the local DUN & BRADSTREET offices. Department store sales, reported by the Federal Reserve District Banks, are for the four weeks ended May 31, 1952.

Region 6

APRIL—Barometer 2% above March 1952 and April 1951, 12% below U. S.

MAY—Philadelphia department store sales 2% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Lancaster +6%, Harrisburg +5%, Scranton +2%, Wilmington +1%, York -2%, Allentown -3%, Wilkes-Barre -4%. Collections slower than 1951. Philadelphia steel mills operating at 100.7% of capacity. Trenton unemployment 32% above 1951.

Region 7

APRIL—Barometer 1% above March, 2% above year ago, 7% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Erie -1%, Pittsburgh -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Erie +1%, Youngstown -2%, Charleston -4%, Huntington -5%, Pittsburgh -8%, Wheeling -15%. Collections slower than a year ago. Steel mill rates of operating capacity: Pittsburgh 101.7%, Youngstown 101.3%.

Region 8

APRIL—Barometer 6% below March, 2% below year ago, 3% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Akron +7%, Cleveland and Toledo -4%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Canton even, Cleveland -2%, Akron -3%, Lima -5%, Toledo -7%. Collections steady with a year ago. Cleveland steel mills operated at 101.7% of capacity. Toledo strikes settled.

Region 9

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, slightly below year ago, 1% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Columbus +6%, Cincinnati +3%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Columbus -3%, Cincinnati -8%. Collections slower than year ago. Extensive promotion of credit terms following suspension of credit controls by Federal Reserve Board. Defense production high.

Region 10

APRIL—Barometer slightly below Mar., 3% above 1951, 13% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Louisville +9%, Indianapolis +5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Louisville +6%, Evansville +2%, Indianapolis -7%, Terre Haute -10%, Fort Wayne -12%. Collections steady with 1951. Production of liquor cut up to 50% as stocks continue to mount. Some mines closed.

Region 11

APRIL—Barometer 2% below March, 1% below year ago, 16% below U. S.

MAY—Chicago department store sales 3% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Springfield +6%, Peoria +1%, South Bend even, Rockford -2%, Chicago -3%. Collections more prompt than year ago in Rockford and Springfield; slower in Chicago and Peoria. Chicago steel mills operated at 104.5% of capacity.

Region 12

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, 2% above year ago, 6% above U. S.

MAY—Detroit department store sales 1% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Detroit +8%, Saginaw +1%, Grand Rapids -18%. Wholesale trade compared with 1951. Saginaw -1%, Detroit -11%, Grand Rapids -20%. Collections steady with 1951. Detroit steel mills operating at 107.0% of capacity.

Region 13

APRIL—Barometer 3% below March, 2% below year ago, 2% above U. S.

MAY—Milwaukee department store sales 3% below year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Milwaukee -4%, Green Bay and Madison -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Milwaukee -1%, Green Bay -3%, Madison -5%. Collections compared with a year ago: Green Bay steady, Milwaukee and Madison slower.

Region 14

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, 1% below year ago, 12% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Duluth-Superior +4%, St. Paul +2%, Minneapolis even. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: La Crosse +5%, St. Paul +2%, Minneapolis +1%, Duluth -5%. Collections compared with a year ago: more prompt in Minneapolis, steady in Butte and Fargo, slower in other cities.

TRADE ACTIVITY — A REGIONAL SUMMARY

Region 15

APRIL—Barometer 2% below March, 9% below year ago, 8% below U. S.

MAY—Nebraska department store sales 3% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Cedar Rapids +4%, Davenport +2%, Sioux City -1%, Omaha -4%, Lincoln -5%, Des Moines -6%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Sioux City, slower in Lincoln, Omaha and Waterloo.

Region 16

APRIL—Barometer 3% above March, 7% above year ago, 9% below U. S.

MAY—Trade conditions in St. Louis compared with year ago: department store sales +5%, total retail trade +4%, wholesale trade +2%. Retail and wholesale collections steady with year ago; manufacturing collections more prompt. Moderate decline in industrial activity from work stoppages. Shoe wholesalers report sales above 1951.

Region 17

APRIL—Barometer 1% above March, 6% above year ago, 11% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with a year ago: Tulsa +18%, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, and Wichita +10%, Topeka +1%, St. Joseph -5%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Oklahoma City and St. Joseph, slower in Tulsa and Wichita. Flour production in Kansas City and Wichita below 1951. Strikes in oil refineries.

Region 18

APRIL—Barometer 3% above March, 6% above year ago, 1% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Baltimore +5%, Washington -1%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Roanoke +14%, Norfolk +5%, Richmond +3%, Bristol +2%. Collections compared with year ago: steady in Bristol, Lynchburg, Norfolk, and Washington, slower in Baltimore and Richmond.

Region 19

APRIL—Barometer 19% above March, 8% above year ago, 18% above U. S.

MAY—Total retail trade compared with year ago: Columbia and Raleigh +1%, Greensboro -2%, Charlotte -3%, Asheville -5%, Winston-Salem -15%. Collections compared with a year ago: steady in Columbia, Greenville, Raleigh, and Winston-Salem, slower in Asheville and Charlotte. Improvement noted in textile industry.

Region 20

APRIL—Barometer 5% above March, 13% above year ago, 40% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with 1951: Augusta +40%, Atlanta +25%, Birmingham +11%, Nashville +5%. Retail trade compared with 1951: Montgomery +6%, Columbus -3%, Chattanooga and Knoxville -8%, Macon -10%. Collections compared with 1951: retail slower, wholesale steady to slow, manufacturing steady.

Region 21

APRIL—Barometer 10% above March, 4% above year ago, 24% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Jacksonville +19%, Miami +13%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Tampa +9%, Jacksonville +3%, Miami -2%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Jacksonville +4%, Miami and Tampa -8%. Collections slower than year ago. Bumper tomato crop expected.

Region 22

APRIL—Barometer 10% below March, slightly below 1951, 2% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Little Rock +11%, Memphis +10%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Memphis -3%, Little Rock -6%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Memphis -3%, Little Rock -3%. Collections slower than year ago. Transportation strike in Memphis hampered trade.

Region 23

APRIL—Barometer 1% below March, 5% above year ago, 23% above U. S.

MAY—New Orleans department store sales 16% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: New Orleans +10%, Jackson -10%. Wholesale trade compared with a year ago: New Orleans +9%, Jackson -10%. Collections unchanged from a year ago in New Orleans and slower in Jackson. Plant planned by American Cyanamid Co.

Region 24

APRIL—Barometer 8% above March, 5% above year ago, 46% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Antonio +21%, Houston +20%, Fort Worth +12%, Dallas and El Paso +7%. Total retail trade compared with a year ago: Fort Worth +16%, Wichita Falls +5%, Shreveport -4%, Waco -5%, Austin -8%. Retailers' and wholesalers' collections slower than year ago; manufacturers' unchanged.

Region 25

APRIL—Barometer 8% above March, 2% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

MAY—Denver department store sales 1% above year ago. Total retail trade compared with year ago: Denver +15%, Albuquerque -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Denver +10%, Albuquerque -5%. Collections compared with year ago: Denver unchanged, Albuquerque slower. Record Winter wheat harvest expected.

Region 26

APRIL—Barometer 5% above March and year ago, 6% above U. S.

MAY—Trade conditions in Salt Lake City compared with year ago: department store sales -1%, total retail trade +3%, wholesale trade -2%. All collections slower than year ago. Retailers' and wholesalers' collections more prompt than month ago, manufacturers' unchanged. Miners' work week shortened by two hours.

Region 27

APRIL—Barometer 4% below March, 1% above year ago, 6% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: Spokane +6%, Seattle +5%, Portland +3%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Spokane -2%, Tacoma -3%, Portland -12%. Collections compared with year ago: Portland more prompt, Spokane and Tacoma, unchanged, Seattle slower. Seattle adversely affected by strikes.

Region 28

APRIL—Barometer 2% below March, 1% above year ago, 4% below U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Francisco +4%, Oakland +3%. Total retail trade compared with year ago: San Francisco +3%, Fresno -8%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Fresno even, San Francisco -12%. Collections slower than year ago with exception of San Francisco retailers. Maritime strike.

Region 29

APRIL—Barometer 3% above March, 5% above year ago, 3% above U. S.

MAY—Department store sales compared with year ago: San Diego +27%, Los Angeles +22%. Retail trade compared with year ago: Los Angeles +9%, San Diego +6%, Phoenix -5%. Wholesale trade compared with year ago: Los Angeles +7%, Phoenix -5%. Collections compared with year ago: Los Angeles and San Diego steady, Phoenix slower.